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New President Named for USM

Richard L. Pattenau, vice president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University, has been named the next president of USM, succeeding Patricia R. Plante. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees, acting on a recommendation from Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury, appointed Pattenau at their meeting held today, Monday March 25.

The search committee, chaired by Patricia M. Collins, vice chair of the Board of Trustees, studied materials from more than 100 applicants and interviewed five candidates. The committee then forwarded three names to Woodbury in alphabetical order. Woodbury also considered Madeleine Wing Adler, vice president for academic affairs at Framingham (Mass.) State College, and Rebecca Stafford, former president of Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

Pattenau, who also holds a faculty position as professor of political science at Central Connecticut, is credited with enhancing the institution's international programs, strengthening ties with the external community, completing a facilities master plan, and increasing minority recruitment. Central Connecticut is similar to USM in student body and in the number of degree offerings.

Before joining the New Britain-based institution, Pattenau served as an associate vice president for academic affairs at SUNY, Binghamton. He also has held administrative and teaching positions at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Pattenau earned a B.A. in economics at California State University and a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Colorado.

Members of the search committee were: Trustees Collins, James Storer

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USM Student Courtied by Graduate Schools

Philosophy major Riaz Raheem has a difficult but happy choice to make in the next few weeks. He is in the enviable position of having to choose among scholarship offers from three major graduate programs. Raheem has been offered over \$25,000 by Boston University, covering tuition and a \$10,200 stipend; a \$9018 stipend plus tuition costs at Northwestern University Graduate School, and a \$10,000 grant from Harvard University Divinity School.



In making his selection, Raheem is leaning heavily on his advisor, Joseph Grange, professor of philosophy, who describes the senior as "among the top 1 percent of students I have taught...one whose intellectual strengths are of the highest order."

Raheem, 28, is one of USM's non-traditional students and part of our international student body. He transferred to USM in the fall of 1989 from his native Pakistan where he attended Allama Iqbal Medical College for two years and then taught elementary school before deciding he wanted to concentrate on philosophy.

He came to the United States in order to expand his studies to include western philosophy. At Harvard he would pursue religious studies. He would be in the Department of History and Literature of Religions at Northwestern and in the Division of Religious and Theological Studies at Boston University, where he would focus on Islamic Studies.



Thomas D. McBrierty, left, vice president for Maine, New England Telephone, and alumnus Peter P. Kovach, right, class of '67 and associate director of public relations at NET, present a check for \$8000 to Interim President Harlan A. Philippi. The donation is the last installment of a three-year pledge by NET totalling \$24,000 in unrestricted monies to the Annual Fund. Last year the gift was used to support the Core Curriculum Humanities Project, which strengthened the humanities component of the Core and shared ideas with local high schools on including humanities in their curriculums.

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Mary Kanan, instructor of laboratory sciences at Lewiston-Auburn College, talks with a visiting family at the L-A College open house, held earlier this semester. The event also featured an exhibit of the Franco-American Heritage Collection and a keynote address by education reform advocate Willard Daggett. Caswell Photo

Campus Notes

USM's Visiting Artist Lecture Series continues with a talk by Maren Stange, "Visual Studies and (Multi)-Cultural History: What's Art Got to Do with Them?" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 at the Portland Museum of Art. Ursula von Rydingsvard, who works with forms of roughly textured cedar, will lecture at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in Hastings Lounge, Gorham.

Senator George J. Mitchell and economist Robert Cuttner will discuss the federal budget deficit in a free, public forum scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., this Friday, March 29 in Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland. Mitchell will lead a discussion on "How Will Pressure on the Federal Budget Be Resolved? The 1990 Deficit Reduction Package: Where Are We Now?" Cuttner, a well-known columnist and author, will explore "How States Should Deal with the New Federal Reality: The Impact on Maine of the Federal Deficit Reduction Measure." The Edmund S. Muskie Institute for Public Affairs and the Maine Economic Policy Forum are sponsoring the event. For more information, contact the forum at 774-2458.

The USM Office of Alumni and Development will present a seminar, "How to Avoid Probate and Estate Taxes Through

the Use of Trusts and Other Methods" from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 in Room 1, Payson Smith Hall, Portland. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served immediately after the program. Call 780-4110 for information and reservations.

USM's Division of Human Resources was named the 1990 national recipient of the Excellence in Human Resources Award by the College and University Personnel Association last fall. CUPA cited the growth in USM human resources programs during the past 10 years and also recognized Beth I. Warren, associate vice president for human resources, for her work in strengthening professional development opportunities at USM, improving child care programs and promoting cultural diversity. CUPA noted that USM's human resources programs have attracted \$300,000 in gifts and that the division also administers a volunteer program that provides USM with \$900,000 worth of volunteer staff time.

VIP Tour & Charter Bus Company, operator of the USM Shuttle Bus Service, was one of four North American bus operators to receive the Robert J. McReil Safety Award presented by the United Bus Owners of America in January. The award is given to member companies with outstanding safety performance records.

Nominations for USM's Emerging Professional Staff Award are being accepted. The award recognizes a relatively new member of USM's professional staff who has demonstrated distinguished service and outstanding promise for leadership. The award selection committee includes: Jean Kerrigan, chair; Larry Braziel; Judy Connolly; and Cindy Young. Contact Jean Kerrigan at 780-4040 for information.

USM's Faculty Senate will meet from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, April 12 in 510 Luther Bonney Hall, Portland and on Friday, April 26 in 102 Bailey Hall, Gorham.

USM's Professional Staff Senate will meet from 8:30-10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10 in Gorham.

USM's Alumni Board of Directors will not meet in April.

For up-to-date information on USM activities, dial 780-4500. That's the number of the new USM Events Hotline. The line features details on USM arts events, lectures, athletic events and special activities that are open to the public. The Office of Media and University Relations is responsible for programming the hotline. Call 780-4200 for information on how to have your event included on the line.

Help for Women Managers

Jeana Yeager, who organized, promoted and flew in the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world, and Diane Fassel, a consultant on employee burnout, will highlight this year's Women in Management Conference, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 and 4 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The conference, now in its 11th year, is sponsored by USM's Department of Community Programs.

The conference also features consultant Joan Chadbourne and Joyce Wilson Sanford, director of organizational development for Hannaford Brothers, who will give the opening address, "Work Redesign: Putting Life and Soul Back into American Business and Work" at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3. They will describe how organizational leaders are shifting roles from boss to coach, empowering other employees to play more of a role in improving output and morale of the business. "Managers must be leaders,"

Chadbourn and Wilson said, "to take their organizations into the 21st century."

"Around the World on a Tank of Gas" is the keynote address, at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, by Jeana Yeager. Yeager, with her partner Dick Rutan, flew the maximum circumference of the globe without refueling in the record-breaking, nine-day flight of the Voyager, which took off December 14, 1985. She brought to the flight years of experience in aero-space design and commercial engineering draftsmanship. In addition to building, testing, developing and flying the Voyager with Rutan, she organized ground support and fund raising for the flight. It is this entrepreneur's motto that "what you can do is limited only by what you can dream."

Diane Fassel, author of "Working Ourselves to Death," will discuss work addiction in the keynote address at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, April 4. According to Fassel, women are particularly susceptible to work addiction and the resulting health risks. She disputes the notion that a workaholic is an asset to an organization and will explain more successful working models.

As in other years the conference will cover leadership and management techniques and air issues in the areas of human resources, business ethics and social responsibility, as well as providing skill-building workshops for professional and personal growth.

Included among the 55 workshop sessions are "Managing Conflict for Positive Outcomes," "The Deming Philosophy for Improvement of Quality and Productivity," "Achieving the Winning Edge through Coaching," "Consensus Decision Making" and "Staying Put and Liking It." A male viewpoint is represented in "Understanding the Psyche of the Male Manager: One Man's Perspective" by Larry Schweber of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine.

For more information, call Community Programs at 874-6500.

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and Owen Wells; USM faculty members Nancy Greenleaf, Richard Maiman and Thomas Parchman; L. Kinvin Wroth, professor and former dean, School of Law; USM staff members Mary Collins and Donna Jones; community and alumni representative Richard Libby of Gorham; and student Michele Reagan. Mary Ann Haas, associate vice chancellor, served as executive secretary to the committee.

Lederer on Language

Syndicated columnist Richard Lederer will visit USM Thursday, April 11 to explore the special qualities of the English language, the most widely spoken language in history and the one with the largest vocabulary. He will take questions from the audience on the special and crazy nature of our language and about life as a writer.

Lederer will speak from 7 to 9 p.m. in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and are available through Community Programs, 874-6500.

In addition to his weekly column, "Looking at Language, which appears in the Maine Sunday Telegram and nationally, Lederer has published more than a thousand articles about language. His books include "Anguished English," "Crazy English," "The Play of Words" and "Get Thee to a Punnery."

Lederer was elected International Punster of the year for 1989-90 and has been profiled in The New Yorker and People magazines. He is the "Grammar Grappler" for Writer's Digest and language commentator on New York and New Hampshire public radio.

Research Update

■ A new illustrated design manual, "The Hidden Design in Land Use Ordinance," has been published by the Maine Arts Commission/University of Southern Maine Design Arts Project. Project director Paula Craighead surveyed design professionals on what tools would most help local officials, town planners and members of environmental groups, volunteer boards and town committees assess the visual impact of land use regulations. The manual is aimed at communities involved in rewriting or developing land use ordinances, as well as individuals who are interested in the physical character of their communities. Illustrations present 15 different design tools which non-designers can use to visualize the effects of land use laws, especially the dimensions of setbacks, frontages, lot sizes and heights. The material was gathered through a joint project of the Maine Arts Commission and USM's New England Studies Program, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

■ The National Academy for State Health Policy, housed in USM's Human Services Development Institute under the direction of Trish Riley, held a national Institute on State Health Policy last week in Washington, D.C. The institute was designed to bring newly elected legislative leaders across the country up to date on the challenges and strategies of health care. The program included examination of such issues as the uninsured, long term care, access to health care, health care financing and regulation and innovative approaches to state health policy. Major funding of the institute came from The Pew Charitable Trusts. It was cosponsored by the National Governors' Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Public Health Service, Council of State Governments and the State Medicaid Directors' Association.



The New England Women's Basketball Association has named USM senior and Huskies captain Laura Pate Player of the Year. The team's top scorer this season, she averaged 17.8 points per game and has been selected first team all-conference and all-tournament by the Little East. She is recognized as one of the top three-point shooters in the Northeast region and set a school record this year with six in one game.

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What We're Doing

GREGORY P. BAZINET, assistant professor of technology and coordinator of vocational education, was awarded a grant by the Community College of Maine in conjunction with the Anneberg/CPB Initiative to develop a new course, "The Fundamentals of Quality," for delivery through the Center for Distance Education.

ALBERT D. BEAN, assistant director of athletics and sports information director, was invited to serve on a panel of sports writers at the annual meeting of the New England Women's Basketball Association held at Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, on March 10.

DONALD J. CLARK, director of Department of Continuing Education for Business, with his wife, Suemi Tanaka Clark, will lead a quality control study tour of Japanese industry May 18-26 for the Pine Tree State Section of the American Society for Quality Control with the assistance of CEB.

GREGORY M. CLEMENT, assistant director of student life, was a presenter at the American College Personnel Association in Atlanta, Ga. on March 18. Clement is participating in the American Lung Association Bike Trek Across Holland, Netherlands, benefiting the American Lung Association programs.

LOREN COLEMAN, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, Muskie Institute for Public Affairs, is directing a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for "Preventing Drug Abuse Among Rural Runaway Youth." "Unattended Children," (1987) a book by Coleman, R. Partridge and SUSAN E. PARTRIDGE, consultant/infant telecourse project coordinator, HSDI, was reviewed in the September/October 1990 issue of *The Gifted Child Today*.

BRUCE SCOTT FITHIAN, associate professor of music, will perform the world premiere of Michael Viens' song cycle, "Seasons of Love," in Brooklyn, N.Y. on April 28.

PATRICIA FOURNIER, administrative associate, Division of Off-Campus Instruction and Support, recently attended the 1991 National Conference for Higher Education in Boston. Fournier has been nominated to serve as vice-president of the statewide ACSUM.

LAWRENCE GOLAN, assistant professor of music, performed on March 20 at St. Luke's

Cathedral, Portland, as part of the Atlantic Chamber Soloists.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, associate professor of political science, authored a chapter titled "Environmental Mediation: Requirements for Successful Institutionalization" in "Resolving Disputes in the Public Sector" published by Nelson-Hall. Perspectives on Political Science published his review of "Seabrook Station: Citizen Politics and Nuclear Power" by Henry F. Bedford.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had his op-ed, "Help New Democracies Grow," in the March 5 Portland Press Herald.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director, Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, spoke on "Real Estate Trends and the Home Buyer Profile," to the York County Women's Council of Realtors on February 4. She was also interviewed by the Maine Public Broadcasting Network on "Maine Real Estate Trends Compared to National Trends" on February 28. Lamont was a guest on WPOR's March 10 Forum Program, discussing real estate trends in Greater Portland and Maine.

ROBERT B. LOUDEN, associate professor of philosophy, served as a panelist for the American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid competition on March 1 in New York City. In December, Loudon served as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Stipend competition.

BRUCE MacLEOD, assistant professor of computer science, has had his paper, "A Software Template for Generating Longitudinal Databases: Extended Abstract," accepted for presentation at the Conference on Advanced Computing and Information Technologies for the Social Sciences to be held April 8-10 in Athens, Ga. Funding was supported with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

ROSE MARASCO, assistant professor of art, was recently awarded a grant from the Maine Humanities Council for "The Maine Grange: A Visual and Historical Exploration of Rural Community," for which she will serve as project director. The project will culminate in the winter of 1992 in a travelling exhibition and series of public programs. Elspeth Brown, graduate student and research fellow in New England Studies, will serve as project scholar.

ANDREW J. POTTS, professor of accounting, attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Higher Education, February 29-March 1, in Boston. He was

appointed chair of the Financial Review Committee and made a report on the committee's review of the NCHE budget for the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

ALISON RIESER, associate professor of law and director of Marine Law Institute, presented a paper, "The Continuing Problem of Federal Preemption of State Authority over Marine Resources," at the "Workshop on Legal and Policy Issues Created by the Extension of the U.S. Territorial Sea from Three to 12 Miles," a program of the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program and the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, held in Honolulu on January 9-11.

THOMAS B. SANDERS, assistant professor of business administration, was interviewed by *Money* magazine about his book, "Surviving the Credit Crunch of the 90s: Rescuing Your Small Business from Melt-down and Making It a Success."

MARK W. STEEGE, assistant professor of school psychology, co-authored two research articles in the winter 1990 issue of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*.

JAMES V. SULLIVAN, chair and professor of health, physical education and recreation, spoke at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham on "Fitness for the Chronologically Superior." Sullivan also spoke with students at the Towers Lobby and Anderson Hall on "Physical Fitness and You."

W. DOUGLAS THOMPSON, professor of epidemiology, had his paper, "Genetic Analysis of Breast Cancer in the Cancer and Steroid Hormone Study," published in the February issue of the *American Journal of Human Genetics*. His paper, "Effect Modification and the Limits of Biological Inference from Epidemiologic Data," appeared in the March issue of the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. On March 20-22 he served as primary reviewer and site visitor on a special committee of the National Cancer Institute reviewing a large series of epidemiologic studies proposed by researchers in Boston.

LEE SCOTT TOWNSEND, data processing coordinator, Community Programs, recently attended the 1991 National Conference for Higher Education in Boston. Townsend, president of USM-ACSUM, has also been nominated to serve as president of the statewide ACSUM.



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